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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: USG/FMG CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS

REF: LAGOS 9489

1. WE ARE SURPRISED AT FMG ATTITUDE REPORTED REFTEL. AS EMBASSY FILES NO DOUBT WILL REVEAL, IT HAS BEEN FMG RATHER THAN WE WHO HAVE CAUSED DELAYS IN GETTING NEGOTIATIONS STARTED. USG HAS REQUESTED THE FMG TO PROPOSE DATES OR HAS ACTUALLY SUGGESTED DATES ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS SINCE APRIL 1976. EACH TIME THE FMG EITHER DELAYED, REJECTED OR CHANGED PLANS AT THE LAST MINUTE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE EMBASSY WAS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT A NOTE TO THE FMG ON JULY 1, 1976 SUGGESTING CONSULTATIONS "AT A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME AND PLACE." ON AUGUST 31, 1976 FMG RE-

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SPONDED BY SAYING THE "MATTER IS RECEIVING APPROPRIATE ATTENTION." ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1976 FMG REPORTED ITS INABILITY TO TALK BEFORE DECEMBER 1976 OR EARLY 1977. ON FEBRUARY 28, 1977 FMG THEN REPORTED THEIR "CONFUSION AT APPARENT LACK OF USG INTEREST" TO HOLD TALKS AND FURTHER STATED THEY HAD EXPECTED TO BEGIN SAME IN APRIL OR MAY 1977 IN WASHINGTON, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE HAD BEEN

NO PREVIOUS REFERENCE TO THESE DATES BY EITHER COUNTRY.
ON MARCH 31, 1977 USG PROPOSED A MAY 16 MEETING WHICH

FMG REJECTED BUT COUNTERED WITH A JULY PROPOSAL. USG
RESPONDED WITH AUGUST 22 WHICH WAS ACTUALLY ACCEPTED BY
FMG UNTIL IT NOTIFIED US, TWO WEEKS PRIOR THE ACTUAL
DATE, THAT IT WAS UNABLE TO MEET ITS COMMITMENT. USG
THEN SUGGESTED AUGUST 29 WHICH WAS ALSO REJECTED.

2. ECON COUNSELOR SHOULD CLARIFY AND SET THE RECORD
STRAIGHT SO THAT ADEGBENRO UNDERSTANDS THAT USG HAS BEEN
FULLY FORTHCOMING. WE DO NOT WANT HIS MISUNDERSTANDING
OF THE FACTS WITH REGARD TO SCHEDULING TO ADVERSELY
AFFECT THE ATMOSPHERE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS THEMSELVES.

3. DESPITE THE FACT THAT OUR FALL AND WINTER NEGOTIATING
SCHEDULE IS HEAVILY FILLED, USG IS PREPARED TO PROPOSE
EITHER NOVEMBER 7 OR 14 FOR TALKS IN WASHINGTON. FYI:
AN AFRICAN TRIP IS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER BUT IT ALREADY
COMPRISES MOST OF THE MONTH. THEREFORE, IT IS BEST TO
HAVE FMG COME TO WASHINGTON ON EITHER OF THE ABOVE-
SUGGESTED DATES.

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